Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Occupational therapy personnel are health care specialists who use task-oriented activities in the treatment of those with physical, cognitive and emotional disabilities, providing both preventive and assistive services to minimize the disruptive effects of these impairments on the individual's lifestyle; and,

WHEREAS, Occupational therapy plays a key role in health care in South Dakota, with more than seventy therapists in the state, working in a variety of agencies including hospitals, rehabilitation centers, mental health facilities, schools, nursing homes, homes, home health agencies, and a growing number of new settings; and,

WHEREAS, Through patience, creativity, and a strong belief in the individual, these therapists have helped to bring a higher quality of life to children, senior citizens, emotionally, physically and mentally impaired; and others whose lives would otherwise have been more dependent without their intervention:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim month of April, 1987, as

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, and I would like all citizens to be aware of the achievements and contributions of occupational therapy to the well-being and health of our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE